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WHITE HOUSE FOR WILLIAM HENKEL

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (NIXON, RICHARD) IC FR

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT - GIFTS

1. IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT, RECOMMEND FOLLOWING GOI OFFICIALS
RECEIVE GIFTS FROM PRESIDENT NIXON:

A. PRESIDENT KRISTJAN ELDJARN - IN VIEW ELDJARN'S BACKGROUND
AS ARCHEOLOGIST AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF ICELAND'S NATIONAL MUSEUM
AND HIS STRONG INTEREST IN EARLY HISTORY, MOST APPROPRIATE GIFT
WOULD BE PRESTIGE BOUND VOLUMES ON EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY.
ELDJARN ALSO INTERESTED IN ORNITHOLOGY AND ALTERNATIVE GIFT
WOULD BE STEUBEN GLASS IN BIRD MOTIF.

B. PRIME MINISTER OLAFUR JOHANNESSEN, FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR
AGUSTSSON, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL PETUR
THORSTEINSSON (FORMER ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR TO US AND PRINCIPAL
GOI OFFICIAL HANDLING VISIT ARRANGEMENTS) -- BOOKS ABOUT
US, AMERICANA, ETC.

C. AUTOGRAPHED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
FOR VISIT ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF PETUR
THORSTEINSSON, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTRY GUDMUNDUR
BENEDIKTSSON, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
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BALDUR MOLLER, AND GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICER HANNES JONSSON.
A PHOTOGRAPH WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE FOR CHIEF OF REYKJAVIK
POLICE SIGURJON SIGURDSSON.

2. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT PRESIDENT POMPIDOU
INTENDS TO PRESENT GIFTS TO PRESIDENT ELDJARN, PRIME MINISTER
JOHANNESSON, FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON, SECRETARY GENERAL
THORSTEINSSON, AND CHIEF OF POLICE SIGURDSSON.

3. RECOMMEND THAT ONLY FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVE A GIFT FROM
THE SECRETARY. WE SUGGEST AN ENGRAVED PEN AND PENCIL DESK SET
WITH SEAL.

4. DEWEY CLOWER OF WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE CONCURS. IRVING

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